

Rawlings-Elkner House  
CE-907  
Near Rock Springs  
Private

C. 1840-1850

The Rawlings-Elkner house is atypical for Cecil County and, in fact, is ~~one of two~~ known structures of its type in the county, at this time. The two story three bay by one room hewn log house looks ordinary enough at first, until one notices the central brick chimney and off center placement of the front door. These two features indicate a probable German background to this structure. The owner of the house at the probable time of construction was a member of the Rawlings family which does not indicate a German heritage. The 1840's deed which releases the property from Rebecca Rawlings mentions Rebecca Rawlings, Henry McVey, Elizabeth Laggart, all of Lancaster Co., Pa. which is a <sup>strong</sup> ~~heavy~~ Germanic area. Whether the Rawlings Family brought this house type and plan with them in mind when they moved to Cecil County will never be known but the structure is an unusual house type for Cecil County. When the Germans migrated south into Maryland in the 18th and 19th Centuries was primarily through Western Maryland Counties.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CE-907

File #889

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Eikner House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of Route 222 on Johnson Road north side of road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Claude Eikner

Telephone #: 378-3765

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Johnson Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rawlings-Eilner House is a mid 19th century log structure, of probable German plan located on Johnson Road 1/2 mile east of Route 222. The main facade of the log structure faces south with the primary gable running east/west. Entry was not permitted in this case, but should be sought since the structure appeared relatively untouched, aside from a Victorian addition.

The main block is a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> story three bay by one bay log structure. A subsequent late 19th century addition was added on with a perpendicular orientation to the earlier log block. A single story shed front porch extends across the main facade of the entire structure. The entire building rests on an uncoursed stone foundation and is sheathed with novelty siding. The slate roof is of a steep pitch.

The main facade of the three room plan has three openings on the first floor and two on the second. An entrance is located between the two first floor 6/6 sash but slightly off-center. The window trim has a small bead. The windows on the second floor are also 6/6. There is a boxed cornice that extends across the log section. A stretcher bond stack rises out of the central area of the roof.

The east gable end is partially covered with a single story shed addition. The rest is covered with unpainted weatherboard siding. One board has fallen away to expose the logs. The corner notching was not exposed. A 6/1 sash lights the attic. The eaves are portected by a plain bargeboard.

The north side is similar to the south with window and door placements in the same positions.

The west end is totally covered by the late 19th century section.

A uncoursed stone meat house is located to the east and south of the house. It is approximately 6'x 6' and is covered with a slate roof. The main door is located off-center on the west wall and has a mortise and tenon door frame.

Large 19th century barn buildings, in rather delapidated states, are located to the west of the main house. The barns have a typical three bay framing and are sheathed with board and batten siding. One cupola remains. The roof looks to be sagging seriously, probably due to the tremendous weight of the slate roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rawlings-Hikner House is an important structure of probable German plan with the asymmetrical exterior arrangement of doors and windows. The interior was not open for inspection but should be actively sought since it appears relatively untouched. The fact that the house is one of a few log structures remaining in the area is also significant. The house appears on the Lake Atlas and under the ownership of Z. T. Rawlings. (1877)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

3/28/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Z. T. Rawlings 1877

WAS 80/439

Solie P. Johnson & Vena  
To  
Claude & Dorothy Eikner  
Part of land...

HWL 6/84

Wiley Eller  
To

11/1/1921

Solie P. Johnson  
Two Parcels a. 40.68 acres  
b. 20.63 acres

WGP 1/382

Mary V. Brehm & George A. Brehm  
To

12/14/1918

Willey Eller  
\$1800.00 77 acres

Albert Constable, Assignee  
To

Mary V. Brehm  
Mortgaged Real Estate of  
Zachariah T. Rawlings 7/3/1908  
MD 8/97

WILL BOOK  
12/237

Robert M. Rawlings  
To

4/9/1873

Zachariah T. Rawlings  
77 Acres

RCH 1/99

Rebecca Rawlings - Release  
To

5/19/1849  
3/12/1843

Robert M. Rawlings  
Death of Elizabeth Rawlings,  
Rebecca Rawlings, Henry McVey, and Elizabeth  
Laggart - Lancaster Co.

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Porters Grove Ch

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CONOWINGO, MD.  
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CONOWINGO, MD.

WEST ELEVATION

MEAT HOUSE

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